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**Baker-Polito Administration Awards \$2 Million in Community
Compact IT Grants to 45 Cities and Towns**

*Grants fund technology improvements to help drive innovation and transformation,
and enhance service at the local level*

MILTON – Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito today announced \$2 million in technology grants will be awarded to 45 cities and towns across the Commonwealth, benefiting more than 120 municipal entities, through the Community Compact Information Technology (IT) Grant Program. Today's announcement brings the total number of municipal IT grants issued over the past three years to 144, assisting more than 250 communities with \$6 million in grant funding to modernize their technology systems and deliver service to their residents more efficiently.

Lt. Governor Polito made the announcement while visiting the Milton Fire Department, which will receive a \$46,800 grant to purchase software to enhance tracking and reporting of critical fire department data while also allowing for the integration of the police and fire call dispatch systems.

"We are proud of the work the Community Compact Cabinet is doing to strengthen critical partnerships with the Commonwealth's cities and towns," **said Governor Baker**. "As the use of technology continues to expand in our everyday lives, these grants provide an opportunity to deliver better service at the municipal level to our residents."

"The IT grants are a great way to support cities and towns who develop best practices and are resourceful in solving major technological challenges," **said Lt. Governor Polito, Chair of the Community Compact Cabinet**. "When an emergency call comes

in, first responders need access to the most up-to-date information to save lives, and Milton's project to upgrade and integrate their systems with this grant will mean improved services for residents and better productivity for firefighters."

Cities and towns have used the IT grant funding to upgrade their websites, implement new systems that allow residents to apply for permits and licenses online, improve the security and capacity of municipal IT systems, digitize records, and develop other solutions to costly technological challenges.

In addition to the IT grants, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded \$7 million in technical assistance grants and \$4 million in efficiency and regionalization grants since starting the Community Compact Program in 2015.

"The Baker-Polito administration is pleased to partner with cities and towns that are striving to improve the customer experience and maximize available resources," **said Administration and Finance Secretary Michael J. Heffernan**. "Throughout the budget development process we keep the needs of local communities top of mind."

Examples of Community Compact IT Grant Program Initiatives in this round of funding:

- **Beverly** will transition to a full consolidation of its fire and police dispatch services into one operational facility. Dispatch operations will be combined from two separate locations to one central operating location with installation of modernized and upgraded equipment.
- **Wareham** will implement an e-permitting system allowing the town to track the 12,000 permits and licenses it issues annually, make up-to-the-minute status updates and allow for coordinated review and sign-off by multiple departments, reducing wait times for residents and businesses.
- **Revere** will implement a new cloud-based document management system designed for use by all departments, increasing performance and efficiency.
- **Medway** will purchase a new system for tracking usage, eligibility and payment at its town recycling center, increasing efficiency, improving service to residents and lowering costs by identifying and eliminating unpermitted use.
- **Orange and the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District** will put in place a new IT infrastructure that will accelerate the consolidation of IT services and hardware for the school district and the Town, thereby improving the speed of applications, offering new ways for residents to interact and transact with government, and helping accelerate the school district's E-Learning initiative.
- **Ashland** will purchase new software for its fire department to better track emergency calls, reporting, asset management, permits and inspection data, and maintenance management.
- **Northampton** will develop a regional system to help document and analyze the local opioid crisis.

For a full list of awardees and projects, click [here](#).

About the Community Compact Cabinet:

Formed in January 2015, the Community Compact Cabinet is chaired by Lt. Governor Polito and is composed of the secretaries of Housing & Economic Development, Education, Transportation, Energy & Environmental Affairs, and Technology Services and Security, and the Senior Deputy Commissioner of Local Services and the Assistant Secretary of Operational Services. The Community Compact Cabinet elevates the Administration's partnerships with cities and towns, and allows the Governor's Office to work more closely with leaders from all municipalities. The Cabinet champions municipal interests across all executive secretariats and agencies, and develops, in consultation with cities and towns, mutual standards and best practices for both the state and municipalities. The creation of Community Compacts creates clear standards, expectations, and accountability for both partners.

On May 3, Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito participated in the [signings of the 350th and 351st Community Compacts](#), ensuring every city and town in the Commonwealth will enjoy the benefits of the partnership.

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